# COOLIDGE GIVES VERDICT ON SHOALS PROJECT Autoist Finds Vereran, 80, Dying On Georgia Highway

## BY ASHBURN

Birmingham - Birmingport Switching Charges To Be Abolished

GENERAL ADVOCATES PORT DEVELOPMENT

Tuscaloosa Also To Get Improvements, Says Waterways Head

PACKET SERVICE TO BE INCREASED

Fifty Steel Barges Should Be Placed In Operation Here, He Says

(By Leased Wire To Age-Herald) MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 7.—Development of better terminal facilities at Tuscaloosa and Birmingport and an attempt to eliminate switching charges between Birmingport and Birmingham will be among the next ventures for the improvement of the Warrior branch of the Inland Waterways cor-poration, Brig. Gen. T. Q. Ashburn, director of the corporation, declared last night on his arrival in Mobile. Among the immediate steps to be taken is the placement in service on the Warrior of 12 all-steel barges constructed in Pennsylvania and now en route from Louisville.

The problem confronting the Warrior river was succinctly explained by the river was succinctly explained by the general. He enumerated establishment of better packet service by fast boats between New Orleans, Mobile and the upper Warrier river and acquisition of more equipment and the creation of better terminal facilities at the upper tree moints.

Operating Costs Low General Ashburn was rather sanguine General Ashburn was rather some in his hopes for the barge line. Operat-ing losses in the month of October, he declared, were the lowest since the in-auguration of the service, and this he took as an augury of success. "No auguration of the service, and this he took as an augury of success. "No reason exists," he asserted, "why the line should not assume a self-sustaining basis with the fast packet service planned for operation between New Orleans, Mobile, Tuscaloosa and Birmingham, coeration of between 40 and 50 ham, operation of between 40 and 50 all-steel barges, and effectiveness of direct charges from Birmingport to Birmingham. What we want is either a direct line from the terminal at Birdirect line from the terminal at Bir-mingport to Birmingham, eliminating the charge fer switching from Ensley to Birmingham, allowing us to reach dis-tributing railroads at Birmingham without prohibitive cost, or some agree-ment that will reduce distribution

Members In Party General Ashburn is accompanied by members of the inland waterways ad-visory board. At the conclusion of the trip, which has for its purpose inspec-tion of conditions on the inland water-ways, the board will meet in Washingways, the board will meet in Washington on December 13 in executive session to draft a plan of operating for submission to Secretary of War Weeks. Only members of the advisory board will be in attendance on the meeting and all others will be excluded. "We ask all citizens to meet with us and discuss what should be done to better the barge what shoud be done to better the barge

the Mississippi Valley association, representing all water ways in that area; interests of the intermountain states and in his position.

General R. A. Brown of Birmingham, representing the Warrior river; M. J. Sanders of New Orleans, representing the lower Mississippi; Hallett W. Seathall that are outstand in his position.

Committee that an outstand in his position.

Committee transcontinental railroads their way the transcontinental railroads their way. man of Clinton, Iowa, and Chicago, representing the upper Mississippi, and Theodore Brent of New Orleans, general manager of the Mississippi-Warrior of its primary purposes the provision eral manager of the Mississippi-Warrior service. In Birmingham the party will be joined by Milton H. Hunt of Memphis, and Wilbur H. Jacoby of Pittsburg.

The party has an extensive itinerary mapped. From Birmingham the mem-bers will entrain for Birmingport and inspect facilities there and then will it has been playing since the first loco-embark upon a river boat and make the motives came into competition with the embark upon a river boat and make the trip to Cordova and lock 17 to give members an opportunity to see the Warrior river. Returning to Birmingham, the next day will find the members motoring to Tuscaloosa for an inspection of the terminal there and a macring with the terminal there and a macring with winners. Perhaps it is the memory of ing to Tuscaloosa for an inspection of the terminal there and a meeting with Tuscaloosans to which citizens of Demondis also have been invited. From Demopolis also have been invited. From Tuscaloosa the board will go to Birmingham and take train for Washington, ar-riving there on the morning of December 12, when the executive meeting will be

#### Girl's Diary To Be

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### RATE SLICE Claims Railroads Seek To Close Panama Canal As Competition Pinches FOR SOCIALISTS

Climax Of Drama Approaches, Says Will Irwin, As Transcontinental Roads Apply for 'Relief.' If Granted, Cheap Transportation Is Thwarted And Canal Becomes Good Only For Defense

Here is what the Panama Canal is doing for the people of the United States:

Toll paying traffic through the Panama canal increased 38.7 per cent in one year, according to the official annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30 last, made public in November by the war department.

2. The total earnings of the canal and its railroad for the year were \$18,254,459, and the income from tolls and miscellaneous receipts was more than \$16,000,000, against \$10,000,000 for the preceding year and less than \$3,500,000 for 1922. The year's aggregate of ships in transit, excluding those allowed free passage, was 5,230, their net tonnage being 26,148,878. United States intercostal trade furnished exactly half of all the cargo passing through.

A large part of the year's increase in tonnage was due to high oil production in California. Exclusive of all California oil, the canal's cargo tonnage was nearly 18,500,000 tons, an increase of 16.4 per cent over the previous year.

4. The flags of 21 nations were displayed by vessels passing through the canal. America furnishing more than six-tenths.

According to the interpretation of testimony made 5. According to the interpretation of by Will Irwin in the series of articles, "Filling Up the Panama Canal," of which the first installment appears in The Age-Herald today, the opponents of the canal wish virtually to close it to commercial traffic, making America's vast investment valueless except for purposes of naval

AUBURN, Ala., Dec. 7 .- (Special.)

Students of the Alabama Polytechnic

institute in mass meeting at Langley

cil and chairman of the meeting.

Committee Reports

C. H. Turk of Greensboro, president

football team.

After a number of talks by various

students a letter to Dr. Dowell was read

and submitted for adoption by C. B. Burgoyne of Mobile, president of the

junior class. After discussion a vote taken, an overwhelming majority voting

that the letter expressed the feeling of the student body. The letter follows:

Text Of Letter

"1. We the students of the Alabama

"3. We wish to express our sheere

"(Signed)

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BY WILL IRWIN

This is the first of a series of daily articles in which Will Irwin, who has been called the toremost of American reporters, analyzes testimony relative to the railroads' application for "rollef" under section IV of the interstate commerce act. According to Mr. Irwin's interpretation the success of this effort would mean the elimination of the Panama canal as a commerce carrying waterway. The rate question involved is touched on in a bill which went to the house after being passed by the senate.

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Two important public inquiries of the last few months got scant public attention, except in a few regions whose commercial interests they affected mos directly. Senator Gooding of Idaho, hav-

ing introduced a bill to amend the fourth sec-

tion of the interstate

commerce act, caused his committee to take

testimony from rail-roads, shippers and



other interested per-sons. At about the WILL IRWIN
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"relief" from certain provisions of that transcontinental rail-roads applied for same act; and the interstate commerce mission held in various cities public

hearings of the matter. I who have read the testimony can certify that these proceedings were ex- ing. certify that these proceedings were exceedingly dull—except perhaps to interested persons. They lacked the human and personal quality, the sense of life in conflict. They lacked even the spice of scandal—just a set of shippers and chamber of commerce men on one side a party of railroad experts on the

The application for relief from senior class had previously taken such service and we are ready to hear all grievances or complaints."

Included in the party are General Ashburn, James E. Smith, President of business as competitor. The Gooding of the complete o lines to put the Panama Canal out of business as competitor. The Gooding bill, framed primarily, perhaps, in the

Fight Is An Old One

I have called this crisis the climax of a drama. It is an old, old piece; this uniform success which has emboldened the transcontinental lines to attack a new and dangerous competitor, our Panama Canal.

"To Dr. Spright Dowell, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala., dear Dr. Dowell: to some hours, or some hours."

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Now, faced by the facts of a situation which has hitherto been as blind and obscure to me as to most of the American-people, my own memory goes back four years to a little but revealing glimpse of one American river. In the autumn of 1920, the New York-Philadelphin train was crossing the Raritan, it sat with my eyes glued to the parloring that will be a simple to the parloring and peace-disturbed Europe, I was traing to see my own country with fresh vision. The river burst on us in resh vision. The river burst on us in finsh—green banks with glimpses of hope and desire that

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county estates through the tree-tops, a friends of Auburn w ons of gentle current, and on it as possible the great le rowboat! Though the straight started and which is of the current permitted a view at this time To the front of my mind came a i kling my subconsciousiness during swing of the country. I had

### Monarchism And Com-

munism Lose Heavily In Landslide

SOCIALISTS GIVEN LARGEST INCREASE

Party Reduced To Virtual Negligibility

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Dec. 8.—Election returns compiled up to 5 o'clock this morning showed the socialists leading with 62 deputies elected to the reichstag. The German nationalists had 37, the centrists 24; peoples' party 22; communists 14; democratic party 7; extreme nationalists 2 and economic party 2.

BERLIN, Dec. 8 .- Republicanism has triumphed over monarchism and communism in Germany, and the German people have provided the republican parties in the Reich- a fractured skull, broken arm numerous stag with a balloted mandate lacerations and body bruises. An auto discharge faithfully all the torist picked up the dying man and obligations of the Dawes plan and to send Germany along was met by ambulances from Vice's. the peaceful path of a liberal foreign policy. Those are the results of the general election held here Sunday.

The republican victory was indicated from the first, but it was not until the early hours of today that the over-whelming nature of the rebuke to the extremists at both ends of the political

ine became apparent.

At 3 o'clock Monday morning, the STUDENTS VOTE

At 3 o'clock Monday morning, the government formally announced that the socialist party had gained approximate, by 30 per cent; the democrats 15 to 20 per cent, the centrists "slightly," the nationalists about held their own with a possible goin in sight; the extremely a confederate soldier's medal showing service from 1861 until 1865. A second medal proclaimed him a Grand Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux parties are the middle-of-the road republican organizations. With the nationalists, these three have formed the government which has ruled Germany since ermment which has ruled Germany since the elections of last May. The nationalists are semi-monarchists. The tremendous gains of the purely republican organizations or the feet of the deriver of the death and a search for the death or the deriver

and the German black shirts, the latter led by the Chauvinistic Ludendorff, killing. indicate the the miracle the Dawes plan already has worked in the economic

hall this afternoon voted full confidence condition of the average Germans.

Thousands of poor men who voted in Dr. Spright Dowell and expressed regret at agitation started by alumni to either for the fascisti or the communists bave him removed as president of the last spring because, in their desperawere willing to try anything Institution. Resolutions to this effect to escape the misery which then was were drawn up and signed by Clarence theirs, turned from the red or black agi-Kirk, as president of the student countators Sunday and cast a safety-first vote for the republic.

Stresemann, the president foregin

The vote in favor of Dr. Dowell minister in the Marx cabinet, is a nationalist. The republisan groups will was by a heavy majority, but not unanimous, it was stated. Only stunow be able to form a cabinet without consulting the semi-monarchist nadents were allowed to attend the meettionalists, and that may mean that Stressmann has served his full time in the Wilhelmstrasse. Socialists Gain The socialist party, which registered the greatest gain Sunday, is the Ger-

man labor party. It is rather moderate group and is not to be confused with drawn up expressing regret that such matter had been published. The meeting of the student body followed action of the faculty, which passed resolutions of confidence yesterday in the president of Auburn. The

day in the president of Auburn. The The party polls at 3 o'clock this morn-

ing were as follows:
Socialists, 3,522,000: Nationalists, 2.- H. MOORE HELD The alumni resolutions charged that Dr. Dowell had failed in the handling of the affairs of Auburn and asked 365,006; Centrists, 1,511,000; Folkists, 1,381,000; Democrats, 1,250,000; Communists, 1,191,000; Fasiisti, 408,000.

A few broken heads and a scattering Maried Woman Files Complaint; that an outstanding educator be placed

et revolver shots marred the Sunday polling, but the only death so far was of the Men's Student council presided at the meeting. A report of the committee sent to Montgomery yesterday by the senior class for a conference with members of the Jefferson county alumni association was given by S. D. Petersen of Chattangon, president of the senior

DIES IN STORM

Wrecks Farmhouse

(By Associated Press.)
GIBSON, Tenn., Dec. 7.—Miss Ethel
Crow, aged 20, was reported killed and
by the woman, climbed through a several other persons hurt when a farmhouse near here was wrecked by tonight. The storm caused extensive insensibility. damage to small frame buildings and

#### THE WEATHER



Before running in to pull out the under og, it's well to remember that lots of angy curs and pugnacious pups have good licking coming to them. Alabama: Showers Monday;

mild temperature. Georgia: Showers. Mississippl: Showers. (Complete weather data is on Page 9.

### GERMAN ELECTION CHAMBERS HIT PROVES TRIUMPH BY AUTOMOBILE

Cards In Coat Pocket Lead To Identification

VETERAN DIES IN HOSPITAL

Ludendorff's Monarchist Autoist Finds Body In Center Of Gate City Highway

> W. T. Chambers, 80, Confederate veteran, died at 7:40 o'clock Sunday night at the Woodlawn infirmary from injuries received some time Sunday night when he is believed to have been struck by an unidentified autoist on Leeds highway, near Gate City, who sped away in the darkness, leaving him in the road to die.

The aged broken form was found lying in the center of the road with brought him to Gate City where he

He died ten minutes later on the operating table. The man was unconscious from the time found until his death and no account of the accident which caused his death were obtainable.

The man was found in the center the road near Arthur's station on of the road near Arthurthe Gate City car line. ing and the body lying in a puddle of water was hardly visible at the time,

tremendous gains of the purely repub- car Sunday night. Coroner J. D. ican parties at the expense of the reds Russum also began a probe into the

\$25,000 PEACE PRIZE

California Educator Submits The Best Educational Plan

(By Associated Press.) AUGUSTA, Maine, Dec. 7 .- Dr. David Starr Jordan, chancellor emeritus of Leland Stanford university, educator, naturalist and author, has been awarded the prize of \$25,000 offered by Raphael Herman of Washington, D. C., for the best educational plan calculated to maintain world peace. An-nouncement of the award was made todry by Dr. Augustus O. Thomas, commissioner of education for Maine and president of the World Federation of week. Senator Couzens of Michigan, its Education associations, which directed

action and will not be sbmitted to referendum vote. The plan selected, it was stipulated, must be world wide and capable of application in all schools.

IN ASSAULT BILL

Mother Was Choked

Henry Moroe, 45, 2111 Thirty-third treet, north is being held in the city pail pending a warrant charging a statutory offence. A married woman filed the complaint against him.

of cheap freight transportation between coast and coast, must necessarily be thwarted.

Fight Is An Old One

The assault is alleged to have taken place late Sautrday afternoon at the team, and C. A. Pruitt, right end of the Miss Crow Killed When Wind

Miss Crow Killed When Wind pike. Moore was arrested early Sunday morning by City Detectives Williamson and Elledge and Officers Bryan and Smith, at his own residence.

hurt when a window and covered her mother and farmhouse near here was wrecked by herself with a revolver. When the the severe rain and windstorm which mother attempted to call for aid, Moore swept over west Tennessee today and is alleged to have chocked her into

#### CAPTURE PRIESTS

Several Pasionist Monks Held, Father Creegan Announces

### Cadman Predicts Union Of Catholics, Protestants INDORSED,

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 7.—Some time in the "far future" all forms of Protestantism and Roman and Greek Catholicism will be "sublimated in one great faith," Dr. S. Parkes

Cadman, Brooklyn, N. Y., president of the Federal Council of Churches, predicted in a sermon here to-

Dr. Cadman's remarks were delivered as the "official sermon" of the council, which has been in session here since Wednesday and will adjourn Tuesday. His prediction came in connection with a plea for "greater comity" between the Protestant churches. He also condemned war, and declared Protestants could not lay claim to having the "purest form of apostolic religion" until they have disposed of "theological disputes and acrimonious controversies."

In referring to the tasks before "God's statesmen," Rev. S. Parkes Cadman. Dr. Cadman said the "first challenge, broadly speaking, is that the light of an undivided church shall shine upon a torn and exhausted world."

"Too many retreat from our Lord's ideal for the church," he continued, "not because they look upon it as incredible but as impossible. Nevertheless its fulfillment is inevitable. The holiness of her membership is no more vital than its unity in the spirit and in the organic forms which the spirit shall ordain.

"When all believers are thus one, as the Son is one with the Father, the world will know that He came forth as the Father. Then will the crying need of the race be met and its religious hunger appeased. We crave no artificial comity dictated by exigency; no make-believes of mere compromise. On the contrary, we are denominationalized within limits that do not forbid expansion.

"The discipline of Presbyterianism, the reverence of Anglicanism, the independence of Congregationalism, the intelligence and enthusiasm of Methodism, the religious education of Lutheranism, the tranquility of the Friends and the democracy of the Baptists, are one and all tokens in us of God's indwelling, many sided wisdom."

### BY GOVERNMENT AS MISSING LINK

ses Estate Law Gouge In Probe

(By Leased Wire To Age-Herald) WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Wholesale asion of the estate tax law, by which

As a result of disclosures to the comchairman, has called the attention to wards home has been questioned at congress to loopholes in the law for length by officials in Fairfield during congress to loopholes in the law for which he urges adequate legislation.

The revelations came through study of Investigations

To Influence Publicity Fight

tricks and evasions widely employed by tax payers, the results of the investigation are expected to extend and have an influence on the fight later for repeal of the tax publicity section of the present law. As it has been pointed.

nly confidentally to certain commitees of copgress upon request. The chief difficulty in the present law

deals with the transfer of property be-fore death, by which taxation is avoid-Some interesting cases were dis-red. The law now provides that such transfers are taxable when made county official that the state's in contemplation of death," and also gation was practically completed. death" Charasteristic Case Cited

on which the tax would have if any, have not been given out been \$358,000. Senator Couzens thus describes the case:
"Mr. A was 72 years of age when he

(By Associated Press)

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 7.—
Father Creegan of Chicago, head of the Passionate Order of Monks, announced here tonight the receipt of the following cablegram from Chenfu Chow, China, relating to the capture of Catholic priests by Chinese brigands:

"Fathers Mathias, Dominic, Edmund and other priests captured by bandits."

Father Creegan declared it was his understanding that the company of priests were traveling from a city near Chenfu Chow to another city in the northwestern, rt of the province of Hunan. The priests were engaged in missionary work and belonged to the order of which Father Creegan is the died. He had been sick for several years the was suffering from spinal trouble, he died. He had been sick for several years the was with difficulty, saw with difficulty saw with difficulty, saw with difficulty saw with difficulty, saw with difficulty, saw wit the government,

### MILLIONS LOST | NEGRO COOK SEEN

IN TAX EVASION IN EDWARDS CASE Sepate Committee Expo- Quizzing Of Servant May Reveal Motive In

Through an almost impenetrable veil of secrecy which federal, state, county government is losing millions of and Fairfield city officials have thrown cllars in revenue each year, has been over all details of the murder of Mrs covered by the Couzens committee George T. Edwards in her Fairfield investigating the internal revenue buindependent investigations Sunday discovered a new lead of great importance

Killing

Investigations were told by Fairfield numerous income returns of wealthy in-dividuals, which were dug up in the Edwards death the negro woman, whose internal revenue bureau by experts of name is being kept secret, gave evidence of more than unusual grief and seemed to be in great mental travail. She also In addition to showing the clever is sain to have visited the T. C. I.

period the tax publicity section of the present law. As it has been pointed out by one who was close to the investigation, these costly loopholes in the law would not have been discovered had been in the habit of using negro the law would not have been discovered had cover to find the committee had not had power to lospital orderlies to send messages to study individual returns, which was his wife, and one of these may have pranted last session along with the become familiar with the plan of the Edwards. other provisions opening the amount of house and the habits of the Edwards tax paid by individuals to public inspection. Complete returns are available now robbery, might become slightly acquaintely confidentally to certain committed with the use of choloroform.

Two other developments Sunday were important. Ben Perry, county solicitor at Bessemer, who is leading the official investigation, was in Montgomery, returning home late Sunday evening. The other was the statement by a high county official that the state's investi-

There is no doubt but that all ofprovides that transfers made within two years before death shall be "deemed to have been made in contemplation of death" unless otherwise shown.

There is no doubt but that all official investigators have agreed to keep secret all developments since Friday afternoon. Since that time, officials are One characteristic case is that of Fairfield and other spots which might man who transferred \$2,800,000 of be productive of clues, but developments

Refuse To Give Details The inference that the state is satisdied. He had been sick for several years He was suffering from spinal trouble, he tive back of the crime, was apparent

# **MEASURE**

Sealed Decision Will Be Read By G. O. P. Leaders Today

LEADERS PLEDGED TO BACK VERDICT

Executive Urges Few Amendments, Majority Senators Believe

UNDERWOOD AGREES TO SOME CHANGES

Alabamian Foresaw Difficulties When He Drafted The Measure, He Says

(By Associated Press.). WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 .-The fate of the Underwood letter from President Cool-Muscle Shoals bill is sealed in idge to republican leaders in the senate and will be opened

tomorrow. In this letter, the excutive makes known formally his attitude on the bill and majority members freely admit they

tand ready to support his recommend-From sources close to the White House, it is reported the President indorses the measure with sugges-

tions for amendments. The principal amendment is said to deal with the financing of the operation of Muscle Shoals under the Alabama senator's bill, which provides for gov-ernment ownership with private or government operations. Some of the Presi-dent's advisers, it is reported in senate circles, have objected to the financing provisions and have been suggesting amendments which they think conform more favorably to business demands.

Withholds Advice
President Coolidge withheld his advance advice to senate leaders on the measure until he received a report from the military experts in war department, which was submitted to the President yesterday. It was understood he would tions for amendments by this report, Senator Underwood has let it be known that he was in a receptible mood for amendments to his bill. He declared he would be glad to receive suggestions and that he himself would like to have some amendments made to his measure, having refrained from drafting the measure according to his exact ideas for fear it would meet with objections. He explained that his bill should be considered more as a charter for operations

rather than as a contract.

The leasing of Muscle Shoals under the Underwood bill is not expected by administration advisors to meet with serious difficulties. It is understood that several preliminary bids already have been received by the administration for leasing the property under its

Predict Its Passage Republican leaders tonight predicted preservedly that the bill would pass if the administration amendments were ac-They added, however, that it draft was in accordance with the Presi-

Some objections to the Underwood bill have been raised by a few Southern senators, but the democratic leaders beieve that with a few changes in the measure, practically the entire demo-ratic side of the senate will vote for the Underwood bill.

#### CHINESE VICTIM OF ST. LOUIS TONG

War Believed To Have Reopened In Missouri

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 7.—The Chinese Tong war, which has claimed more than a score of lives in recent months broke forth here tonight, it believed, when Lem Gow, 65, laundryman, was fatally wounded building in Chinatown where sixty guests were assembled at a feast in honor of a Chinese baby's naturaliza-

The unidentified Chinese who killed Gow discarded a revolver containing three exploded cartridges and fled down 'hinese, the sole witness, Gow was a

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